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RULE 116 AMENDMENT RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

In re Application of: Hal V. Kauffeldt et al.
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Examiner: Shi K. Li
Title: *Method and Apparatus for Optical Channel Switching
in an Optical Add/Drop Multiplexer*

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In response to the final Office Action mailed December 13, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the comments and amendments set forth below.